

## **IC 9-14-5**

### **Chapter 5. Parking Placards for Persons With Physical Disabilities**

## **IC 9-14-5-1**

### **Qualification for issuance of placard**

Sec. 1. The bureau shall issue a placard to the following:

- (1) An individual of any age who:
  - (A) has a temporary or permanent physical disability that requires the use of a wheelchair, a walker, braces, or crutches;
  - (B) has temporarily or permanently lost the use of one (1) or both legs;
  - (C) is certified to be severely restricted in mobility, either temporarily or permanently, due to a pulmonary or cardiovascular disability, arthritic condition, or orthopedic or neurological impairment, by:
    - (i) a physician having an unlimited license to practice medicine;
    - (ii) a physician who is a commissioned medical officer of the armed forces of the United States or of the United States Public Health Service;
    - (iii) a physician who is a medical officer of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs;
    - (iv) a chiropractor licensed under IC 25-10-1; or
    - (v) a podiatrist licensed under IC 25-29-1; or
  - (D) is certified by an optometrist or ophthalmologist licensed to practice in Indiana to be blind or visually impaired.
- (2) Any corporation, limited liability company, partnership, unincorporated association, and any legal successor of the corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or association, empowered by the state or a political subdivision to operate programs, including the provision of transportation, or facilities for persons with physical disabilities.

*As added by P.L.22-1991, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.23-1993, SEC.21; P.L.8-1993, SEC.170.*

## **IC 9-14-5-2**

### **Physician certification form**

Sec. 2. The certification made by a physician, an optometrist, or an ophthalmologist under section 1(1)(C) or 1(1)(D) of this chapter must be on a form prescribed by the state board of accounts and must state the expected duration of the condition that severely restricts the individual's mobility.

*As added by P.L.22-1991, SEC.4.*

### **IC 9-14-5-3**

#### **Contents of placard**

Sec. 3. The placard required under section 1 of this chapter must contain the following:

- (1) The words "Parking Permit for Persons with Physical Disabilities".
- (2) An expiration date.

*As added by P.L.22-1991, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.23-1993, SEC.22.*

### **IC 9-14-5-4**

#### **Duration of placard; permanent and temporary disability**

Sec. 4. (a) A placard issued under section 1(1) of this chapter expires on the recipient's fourth birthday that follows the date of the placard's issuance if the recipient's disability is permanent. If the disability is permanent, a new physician certification is not required upon expiration of the placard, only reapplication.

(b) If the recipient's disability is not permanent, a placard issued under section 1(1) of this chapter expires:

- (1) six (6) months after the date of the placard's issuance; or
- (2) on the date certified by a physician under section 1(1)(C) or 1(1)(D) of this chapter;

whichever occurs first.

*As added by P.L.22-1991, SEC.4.*

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#### **Operators of programs and facilities for handicapped individuals; expiration of placard upon ceasing operations**

Sec. 5. A placard issued under section 1(2) of this chapter expires on January 1 of the fourth year that follows the date of the placard's issuance. However, if the corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or unincorporated association ceases to operate programs or facilities for persons with physical disabilities before January 1 of the fourth year that follows the date of the placard's issuance, the placard expires on the date the operation of the programs or facilities for persons with physical disabilities ceases.

*As added by P.L.22-1991, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.23-1993, SEC.23; P.L.8-1993, SEC.171.*

### **IC 9-14-5-6**

#### **Placard recipients; instructions on law governing parking for persons with physical disabilities**

Sec. 6. When issuing a placard under this chapter, the bureau shall provide the individual to whom a placard is issued instructions explaining the law governing parking for a person with a physical disability and explaining proper use of the placard.

*As added by P.L.22-1991, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.23-1993, SEC.24.*

#### **IC 9-14-5-7**

##### **Display of placard; duplicate placards**

Sec. 7. A placard issued under this chapter must be displayed on the dashboard of a motor vehicle that is parked in a parking space reserved for persons with physical disabilities under this chapter unless the motor vehicle bears a license plate for a person with a disability issued under IC 9-18-22, a disabled veteran's license plate issued under IC 9-18-18, or an equivalent parking permit issued under the laws of another state. If a placard is lost, stolen, damaged, or destroyed, the bureau shall provide a duplicate placard upon the application of the person who was issued the placard.

*As added by P.L.22-1991, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.23-1993, SEC.25.*

#### **IC 9-14-5-8**

##### **Fees**

Sec. 8. The bureau may establish by rule and charge a fee of not more than five dollars (\$5) to cover the cost of issuing a placard under this chapter to a individual having a temporary disability. However, the bureau may not establish or charge a fee for issuing a placard under this chapter to an individual having a permanent disability.

*As added by P.L.22-1991, SEC.4.*

#### **IC 9-14-5-9**

##### **False representation of qualification for receipt of placard; offense**

Sec. 9. A person who knowingly and falsely represents the person as having the qualifications to obtain a placard issued under this chapter commits a Class C misdemeanor.

*As added by P.L.22-1991, SEC.4.*